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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
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Group A:U.S. Patent Application Documents

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Logan et al.	09/587,112	(06/02/00)
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Group B:

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<u>Applicant(s)</u>	<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
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Copies of the aforementioned U.S. patent application documents and publications of Group A are enclosed herewith. The unpublished U.S. patent application documents have not been listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 to prevent their Application Nos. from being printed on the face of any patent issuing from this application. The U.S. Patent Application Publications have been listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner sign the statement "All references have been considered" on the bottom of pages of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate that the patent applications were considered (See MPEP § 609(c)).

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

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